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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The trade sentiment on frozen whole turkeys was steady to firm with toms stronger than hens in some parts of the country. Fresh demand and trading continued active for Thanksgiving. Firm priced fresh hens traded in the Central Region at 75-78 on hens, 67 cents delivered on toms. Frozen inquiry was moderate with trading consisting mostly of spot fill-in volumes. Rib breast inquiry was light on 4-8 lb. sizes for December shipments. Trading was light on meats and parts with activity centered on frozen white meat items.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums and on a light volume of frozen thigh meat. Interest was noted from Asia, Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and Mexico. Demand ranged from slow to moderate, best on drums.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 07, 2002**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65.5-72	65.5	65.50	34	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	57-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-63	59-63	62.27	220	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-60	59	59.00	13	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	68-72	69-72	70.73	440	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67.5-72.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	69-72	70.67	360	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	61.5	61.50	27.36	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOV 8, 2002	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	70.42	67.72	73.00
CENTRAL REGION	70.93	68.58	74.50
WESTERN REGION	70.67	68.10	74.96
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.82	59.52	69.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	62.25	58.15	67.74
WESTERN REGION	57.04	58.99	67.15

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	84-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	103-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 11-NOV-2002

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	81.24	3,792	76.94	3,750
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	81.24	3,792	76.94	3,750
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		5,300		5,100

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

OCTOBER	515,338*
NOVEMBER 1-2, 2002	23,755*

To date 2002	4,388,649*
To date 2001	4,427,058*

*PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 02-Nov-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	972	19	22.41	(A)	980 22.41
SATL	906	15	28.35	(A)	914 28.35
N CENT	2,309	3	30.86	(A)	2,316 30.86
S CENT	542	6	21.81	(A)	549 21.81
WEST	721	48	23.48	(A)	728 23.48
U.S. TOTAL	5,450(B)	13	27.06	37	5,487 27.06

TO-DATE

2002 204,557(B) 436 204,993

TO-DATE

2001 212,969(B) 526 213,495

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 63,000; for the year 2,368,000; last year to date 2,039,00.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 02-Nov-2002

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	2,352	3,035	63	37	5,487
AVG WT	16.67	35.14	25.69	27.45	27.06
LAST WEEK	1,812	2,972	59	15	4,858
SAME WK YR AGO	2,513	3,288	60	20	5,881
AVG WT	15.93	33.08	25.69	29.57	25.66
TO-DATE/2002	81,166	121,023	2,368	436	204,993
TO-DATE/2001	88,891	122,039	2,039	526	213,495

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 7 NOVEMBER 2002.

The undertone on tom bulk parts was barely steady at best on 2-joint wings for domestic and export shipments, balance mostly steady. The undertone on hen 2-joint wings was fully steady, balance of hen parts mostly steady. Demand was moderate on tom drums for export, light on the balance of parts items. Rib breast demand continued active on 10-16 lb. sizes with a steady to fully steady undertone noted. Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen young tom thigh meat from current production for current export shipments at lower trending price levels as some sellers clean up existing inventories and on a light volume of tom drums for export. Grade A non-basted breasts: 8-10 lb. 105, 12-16 lb. 115, plant grade non-basted breasts: 12-14 lb. 103-105, 14-16 lb. 103 cents delivered domestic. For export: tom necks 13, mature hen drums 15, frozen tom breast meat 142 cents delivered and thigh trim traded at 16 cents shipping point. Some trading was noted on frozen thigh meat and ground drum for January - March, 2003 Russian export shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	95.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.05	42
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00		20.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.25	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00		22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	2
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	55.39	62
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.12	76
NECKS, HEN	14.00		14.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	137.65	46
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	164.00-167.00		166.90	30
THIGH MEAT		T	55.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	55.00-57.00		55.88	68
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	88.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	81.00		81.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	110.00		110.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	137.00	13
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	53.00-56.00		54.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		16.67	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-21.00		19.53	380
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.50	104
TAILS	17.00		17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.00-53.00		46.25	1,121

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The undertone on tom breast meat was barely steady at best, steady to barely steady on destrapped tenderloins and wing meat, balance of white meat mostly steady. Some spot seller confidence was noted on scapula. Fresh tom breast meat was slow as some buyers seasonally reduce orders. Destrapped tenderloin demand light. Increased interest was noted on frozen tom breast meat at lower trending price levels and frozen destrapped tenderloins from current production were also offered at lower prices. Inquiry light to instances fair on the balance of white meat items. Offerings of tom breast meat were adequate to instances burdensome, destrapped tenderloins adequate to ample, wing meat adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat mixed. Some processors were starting to accumulate frozen tom breast for 2003 internal usage. Domestic trading light and centered on frozen white meat items. Export trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums and light volume of frozen thigh meat. For domestic: hearts 26, dark trim 32, fresh wing meat 56, tom defatted gizzards 59 cents delivered. Fresh tom drums traded at 18 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE 1/	LST CDE PRICE	WTD AVG (000)	VOLUME PRICE	WEEKLY WTD AVG (000)	WEEKLY VOLUME
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	W		95.50	80	95.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	80	146.29	682
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	80	89.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	80	20.08	126
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	20.00	15	20.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	20.00-21.00		20.50	200	20.25	405
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	40	22.18	148
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	22.00	20	22.00	28
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00-28.00		26.91	55	27.91	130
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	80	54.61	142
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	46	14.23	219
NECKS, HEN		R	14.00	6	14.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	130.00-134.00		132.67	120	134.05	166
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	165.00		165.00	40	157.83	225
THIGH MEAT	53.00-54.00		53.09	44	53.43	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	55.88	68	54.86	148
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	88.00	80	88.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		R	81.00	40	81.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	112.00		112.00	80	110.57	280
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	137.00	13	137.00	13
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	51.00-52.00		51.40	100	52.78	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	120	19.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		R	16.67	60	16.86	70
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	432	19.96	1,052
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.50	104	25.50	104
TAILS		R	17.00	40	17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	156	16.74	276
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-54.00		51.28	316	48.09	1,677

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